

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 2nd, 2023 7:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Walter at 7:34 PM. Members Present: Mike Walter, George Daubner, Mike Fusilier, Sybil Kolon, Ashley Buniack, Doug Brooks, Dave Thompson. Absent: Ashley Buniack. Others Present: Recording Secretary Brenda Bancroft, Manchester Township Planning Consultant Alissa Starling; Carl Werner.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Brooks, second by Kolon, to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: all. Absent: Buniack. **Motion carried.**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 5th, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission Meeting were presented.

Amend minutes to fix a typo in the header - should be "October 5th", not "October 5thh".

A motion was made by Daubner, second by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the October 5th, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting as amended.
Ayes: all. Absent: Buniack. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

I. Report of Chairperson – Chairman Walter reported that they had a meeting on October 2023 regarding how to preserve Manchester’s rural character. There was no public participation, however, he found it worthwhile and would like to have at least one more meeting this year. Would also like to have meetings like this at least once a year moving forward to ensure that this discussion continues.

II. Report of Township Board Representative – Fusilier provided a brief report from the October 2023 Manchester Township Board meeting.

III. Report of Zoning Board of Appeals – No request has been made to meet. The applicant withdrew the application from the previous meeting as they have purchased a different property instead.

IV. Report of Planning Consultant – Manchester Township Planning Consultant Alissa Starling explained to the Planning Commission that she is working with them first regarding the Agritourism Ordinance, and will then focus on the Solar Moratorium.

V. Reports of Committees

i. SWWCOG – next meeting is December 6th, 2023.

ii. GIHRIC (Greater Irish Hills Regional Intermunicipality Committee) – next meeting is December 13th, 2023. Alissa Starling is assisting with the Joint Recreation Plan with this group and hopes to get that back for review in December.

iii. Joint Planning Commission – Walter has held off on meeting until after the upcoming election, as this will determine how they will move forward if the Village becomes a City.

iv. Land Preservation – Kolon provided a brief report of this committee to the Planning Commission, which met previous to the Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting. Alissa Starling attended and they are working on what organizations they could partner with and also the pros and cons of different approaches in the township. Walter suggested historical markers for former Henry Ford properties as well as looking into other historical areas of Manchester, including ties to the Underground Railroad.

VI. Correspondence – No correspondence.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Agricultural Tourism – The planning commission discussed updates that Alissa Starling proposed for the proposed Agricultural Tourism ordinance updates. Suggested revisions from the Planning Commission will be reviewed at the next meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Daubner inquired regarding the new workflow with the Manchester Township Planning Consultancy. He also inquired regarding the zoning maps that he had reviewed.

Brooks expressed his welcome and thanks that Alissa Starling attended this meeting and is excited to be working again with her.

Walter informed the Planning Commission that Ashley Buniack has tendered her resignation, as she will be moving out of Manchester Township. She may attend the December 2023 meeting as her last meeting. They will be posting for this position soon, and encouraged the Planning Commission to reach out for who may want to serve.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

J. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brooks, second by Fusilier, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. Absent: Buniack. **Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Brenda Bancroft

Accepted as amended.

12/7/23